

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 15, line 10 as follows:

A<sup>1</sup>  
The processor 105 implements the functions of the protocol layer 80 (see Figure 1) by executing a privileged modem driver 190. As will be described in greater detail below, the processor 105 provides a secure environment for super-privileged code (SPC) to function. The privileged modem driver 190 ~~[[105]]~~ operates under the SPC context, such that it has a higher degree of security than the standard operating modes of the processors 105. Such a higher degree of security protects the privileged modem driver 190 from tampering.